

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to correct minor inconsistencies in claim language. No new matter has been added. Entry is respectfully requested.

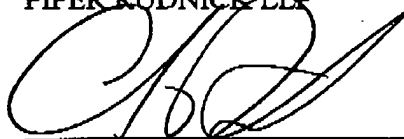
This amendment is being filed in response to a telephone conference with Examiner John Chu. During that conversation, Examiner Chu indicated that the preamble language in dependent Claims 11-18 is not consistent with that of Claim 10, from which these claims depend. Examiner Chu also indicated that correction of these claims would place the case in condition for allowance. The above amendment corrects the inconsistent language in Claims 11-18. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 11-18 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore request favorable consideration. If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' counsel, Christopher W. Raimund at (202) 861-3896.

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